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August 3, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Encouraging productive economic policy and spurring job creation is a primary focus for the Pennsylvania Treasury. It is my belief that the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA will improve the state's economic situation and spur job growth. The merger will expand access of 4G LTE wireless broadband service to 97.3 percent of the country, thus providing access to many rural areas. Given the largely rural composition of Pennsylvania, this has the potential of significantly impacting our state's economic vitality.

Mobile broadband has the power to improve efficiency and widen customer bases for companies across all industries. It allows business to be conducted at any time, from any location. As more firms incorporate this technology into their normal operations, those without access to mobile broadband will compete at a significant disadvantage. It is essential that policy makers ensure small businesses, especially those in rural areas, have access to this technology. Small businesses account for the majority of new jobs in the country, so the health of an area's small businesses will likely indicate the health of the area's economy.

I respectfully request the Chairman and Commissioners to approve of WT Docket No. 11-65, the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. I am confident that this will be a positive step for the people and businesses of Pennsylvania, and for rural areas across the entire country. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rob McCord  
Pennsylvania State Treasurer

cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell

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